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1. GROUP B CAUCUS HAD INITIAL DISCUSSION JANUARY 16
CONCERNING JANUARY 23-27 TDB MEETING WHICH IS TO PREPARE
FOR MARCH TDB MINISTERIAL SESSION.

2. CONCERNING NATURE OF NEXT WEEKS TDB, THERE SEEMED
TO BE AGREEMENT THAT IT SHOULD BE BASICALLY PROCEDURAL,
RATHER THAN SUBSTANTIVE, AND SHOULD CONCENTRATE ON
PREPARING FOR MINISTERIAL DISCUSSION RATHER THAN NEGO-
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TIATING ON DEBT. THERE WAS CONSIDERABLE SKEPTICISM
THAT MEETING COULD BE KEPT WITHIN SUCH FRAMEWORK,
HOWEVER. U.S. NOTED WE FELT MEETING COULD SERVE USEFUL
PURPOSE BY PREPARING AGREED ANNOTATED AGENDA TO HELP
GUIDE MINISTERIAL DISCUSSION.

3. CONCERNING AGENDA ITEM 5 (BLANK BRACKETS), DELEGA-

TIONS REGRETTED PROSPECT OF MINISTERIAL MEETING CONCENTRATING ALMOST EXCLUSIVELY ON DEBT, BUT NONE HAD FORMAL PROPOSALS FOR ANOTHER ITEM, AND MOST SEEMED RECONCILED TO "DEBT MINISTERIAL." PREVAILING VIEW WAS THAT G-77 WOULD NOT WISH ADD COMMON FUND OR OTHER ITEM TO MARCH AGENDA. SEVERAL DELEGATIONS GAVE PERSONAL SUGGESTIONS AS TO WAYS IN WHICH ITEM 5 COULD BE SAVED. SPANISH SUGGESTION "REVIEW OF ACTIONS BY 32ND GA RELATING TO TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT" WAS ONLY NEW IDEA.

4. MEMBERS REPORTED ON PLANNED DELEGATIONS FOR JANUARY 23-27 MEETING. MOST PLAN RATHER LARGE AND HIGH-LEVEL DELEGATIONS DRAWN FROM SEVERAL MINISTRIES AND INCLUDING DEBT EXPERTS. FOLLOWING HEADS OF DEL WERE MENTIONED: CANADA-ASSISTANT UNDER SECRETARY FROM FOREIGN AFFAIRS; HILTON TO BE ALTERNATE. BELGIUM-LALOUX. NETHERLANDS-KLINKENBERGH. UK-GENEVA AMBASSADOR BOTTOMLEY. SWITZERLAND-ROTHLISBERGER. FRANCE-GENEVA AMBASSADOR HESSEL. FEDREP-BONN AMBASSADOR ROBERT; KOINZER WILL BE DEPUTY.

5. FEDREP SAID THAT SINCE PROGRESS ON DEBT UNLIKELY, AND SINCE MINISTERS WOULD WANT TO TAKE SOME POSITIVE DECISION, PROCEDURAL DECISION ON WORK PROGRAM ON "FEATURES" (I.E. US/EC CIEC PROPOSAL) MIGHT BE WAY OUT.

6. INITIAL GROUP B CAUCUS DURING TDB WILL BE 10:30
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